of North-Eastern Region, North-Eastern Councial has been constituted under an Act of Parliament since 1972. The Council is an advisory body empowered to discuss matters of common interest of two or more states of North-East and advises the Central Government in matters of common interest, inter-alia, in the fields of economic and social planning, inter-State transport and communication, power and flood control projects in these States.

Mahila Branches in Commerical Banks

3598. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has issued any instructions to all commercial banks in the country to provide mahila banks or branches to be manned by women only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of such banks opened in the country alongwith the branches of the various banks being manned by the women exclusively in the country; and

(d) the further steps taken or being taken by the authorities to open more such banks in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has not issued any instructions to commercial banks for opening branches to be manned only by women.

(c) and (d) RBI has further reported that as on 31st May, 1996, there were 68 women urban co-operative banks throughout the country, The data reporting system of RBI does not, however, generate information regarding branchs of various commercial banks manned exclusively by women.

Production of Films by NFDC

3599. SHRI K.RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of films have been produced by the National Film Development Corporation and the expenditure incurred for producing the film during the last three years;

(b) what is the Revenue earned from these film productions;

(c) out of them how many films are produced in Regional languages and the number of films in each of he regional language; and

(d) which are the films produced by the NFDC having won the National and International Awards during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) National Film Develpoment Corporation Limited (NFDC) produced 18 films under its own production and NFDC-Doordarshan Co-production Scheme during the last 3 years viz. 1992-93, 1993-94, & 1994-95. The cost of production of these films is Rs. 484.47 lakhs.

(b) The Corporation earned a revenue of Rs. 363.61 lakhs from these films during the last 3 years.

(c) Out of the 18 films, 9 films produced were in regional languages. These included 7 films in Bengali and one each in Marathi and Oriya.

(d) During the last 3 years, the following 12 films produced by the NFDC have won National And International Awards:

1. Tahader Katha
2. Ek Hota Vidushak
3. Rudali
4. Miss Beatty's Children
5. Antareen
6. Suraj Ka Satvan Ghoda